

(c) The drive against tax evasion is a continuous process. For this purpose, the Income Tax Department employs various methods like scrutinising returns of income, conducting searches and surveys, collecting information through AIRs etc.

World Bank aid to Maharashtra

2186. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is fact that World Bank will lend upto \$5 billion to Maharashtra for modernizing and developing infrastructure in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region besides technical expertise;

(b) if so, whether concerned State Government has prepared any firm proposals therefor;

(c) if so, the details thereof and areas/district expected to be benefited;

(d) whether in the process the Mumbai roads will be made free from water-logging for days together during rainy seasons and the conditions of roads will improve; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (e) No such proposal from Government of Maharashtra requesting for financial assistance upto \$ 5 billion from World Bank has been received. However, upon a request of Maharashtra Government, which was recommended by Government of India, the World Bank is assisting the State Government in developing a comprehensive strategy and plan for modernizing and developing infrastructure in Mumbai Metropolitan Region.

Amount released to Madhya Pradesh

†2187. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 505.47 crores were to be released to MP from 2000-01 to 2004-05 for Panchayati Raj Institutions as per recommendation of Eleventh Finance Commission; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.